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Local Veterans Bring Home Medals From The National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh

Three Veterans, who receive services at Lebanon VA Medical Center, competed in the 31st National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 1-6, 2011. The NVWG is an athletic competition designed for Veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations, or neurological problems. Veterans Christopher Fidler, Jonestown, Pa., Kenneth Walters, Carlisle, Pa., and Bruce Shaffer, Hanover, Pa., competed in the games.

Army Veteran Christopher Fidler won two silver medals, one in Shot Put and another in Air Guns. Air Force Veteran Kenneth Walters also won two silver medals, one in Ramp Bowling and another in Motorized Wheelchair Rally.

Robert W. Callahan Jr., Lebanon VA Medical Center Director, is proud of the three Veterans that participated in the NVWG in Pittsburgh. He personally congratulated all three during a meeting in the Director's Suite on September 6, 2011. Mr. Callahan thanked them for their service and their efforts in the 2011 games. He said, "I am proud of these Veterans who inspire others with their drive, skill and sportsmanship. I look forward to even more Veterans who receive their care here participating in the NVWG next year."

The Lebanon VA Medical Center is recruiting Veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations, or neurological problems to participate next year. The 2012 NVWG will be held in Richmond, Virginia, June 24-30, 2012.

For more information about joining the Lebanon VA Medical Center team in Richmond, contact Scott. W. Harman at Scott.Harman@va.gov or by calling 717-228-6079.

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